



HINGHAM

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Hingham covers an area of 22.5 square miles and is approximately 15 miles south of Boston. The town's history is reflected in its many immaculately kept antique houses, including the "Old Ordinary" on Lincoln Street, which now houses the Hingham Historical Society Museum. Derby Academy, founded in 1784, is the oldest co-educational school in the country and Hingham's First Parish Old Ship Church is the oldest church structure in the country in continuous use as a place of worship. Hingham has created six historic districts which will help the town maintain its unique character in the future.

Hingham is proud of its location on the water, and construction of a new harbor park further expands the public use of Hingham Harbor. The acquisition of the South Shore Country Club by the municipality provides additional recreation opportunities for residents while preserving the suburban character of this historic seaside community.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Hull on the north, Cohasset and Scituate on the east, Norwell and Rockland on the south, and Weymouth on the west. Hingham is 15 miles southeast of Boston; 16 miles northeast of Brockton; 30 miles north of Plymouth; 42 miles from Providence, Rhode Island; and 218 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 25.04 sq. miles

Land Area: 22.47 sq. miles

Population: 19,821

Density: 882 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....27.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.7"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Weymouth, Cohasset, Hull, Nantasket

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 741-1400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1635

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	13,356		
Democrats	3,093	23.2	%
Republicans	2,535	19.0	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	7,727	57.9	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Hingham town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	19,882	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	19,882	100.0
Male.....	9,392	47.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	149	0.7
Female.....	10,490	52.8	Mexican.....	14	0.1
Under 5 years.....	1,487	7.5	Puerto Rican.....	30	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,572	7.9	Cuban.....	10	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,600	8.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	95	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	1,181	5.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	19,733	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	529	2.7	White alone.....	19,274	96.9
25 to 34 years.....	1,785	9.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,453	17.4	Total population.....	19,882	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,232	16.3	In households.....	19,562	98.4
55 to 59 years.....	1,343	6.8	Householder.....	7,189	36.2
60 to 64 years.....	897	4.5	Spouse.....	4,721	23.7
65 to 74 years.....	1,418	7.1	Child.....	6,795	34.2
75 to 84 years.....	991	5.0	Own child under 18 years.....	5,321	26.8
85 years and over.....	394	2.0	Other relatives.....	481	2.4
Median age (years).....	40.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	144	0.7
18 years and over.....	14,367	72.3	Nonrelatives.....	376	1.9
Male.....	6,626	33.3	Unmarried partner.....	182	0.9
Female.....	7,741	38.9	In group quarters.....	320	1.6
21 years and over.....	13,955	70.2	Institutionalized population.....	226	1.1
62 years and over.....	3,325	16.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	94	0.5
65 years and over.....	2,803	14.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,098	5.5	Total households.....	7,189	100.0
Female.....	1,705	8.6	Family households (families).....	5,479	76.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,718	37.8
One race.....	19,694	99.1	Married-couple family.....	4,721	65.7
White.....	19,386	97.5	With own children under 18 years.....	2,383	33.1
Black or African American.....	79	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	610	8.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	7	-	With own children under 18 years.....	276	3.8
Asian.....	175	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	1,710	23.8
Asian Indian.....	26	0.1	Householder living alone.....	1,511	21.0
Chinese.....	77	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	724	10.1
Filipino.....	17	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,817	39.2
Japanese.....	10	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,897	26.4
Korean.....	31	0.2	Average household size.....	2.72	(X)
Vietnamese.....	3	-	Average family size.....	3.19	(X)
Other Asian ¹	11	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	-	Total housing units.....	7,368	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	7,189	97.6
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	179	2.4
Samoan.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	61	0.8
Some other race.....	44	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	188	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	7,189	100.0
White.....	19,549	98.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	6,212	86.4
Black or African American.....	128	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	977	13.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	78	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.84	(X)
Asian.....	249	1.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.95	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	-			
Some other race.....	79	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	106
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	5
Federal (Section 8):	25



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Hingham is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 3, the Southeastern Expressway connecting Boston to the South Shore and the Cape, and State Routes 3A and 228.

Rail

Commuter rail service in Hingham is currently under consideration. The MBTA Red Line is accessible from Braintree and Quincy. Travel time to Park Street from Quincy Center: 20 min.; 872 MBTA parking spaces. The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Hingham. Contact number: (781) 380-3556

Bus

Hingham is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). There is fixed route service to Quincy Station. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides bus commuter service to Boston.

Other

Commuter boat service is available from Hingham to Rowes Wharf, Boston, by Boston Harbor Commuter Services and Mass Bay Lines. Airport Water Shuttle, provides transportation to Logan Airport from Rowes Wharf in Boston.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Old Ordinary
21 Lincoln Street
(781) 749-0013

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Deering Nursing Home Inc

Queen Anne Nursing Home, inc.

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

New England Friends Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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